

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

On page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that the subject matter of claims 4-10 and 16-26 was allowable. Independent claims 1 and 13 have been amended to recite features from former claims 4 and 16, respectively, which have been cancelled. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1 and 13, as well as claims 2, 3, 5-12, 14, 15, and 17-31 which depend therefrom, are now allowable. New claim 42, which recites the features of former claim 6 and former independent claim 1 from which claim 6 depended, is also believed to be allowable.

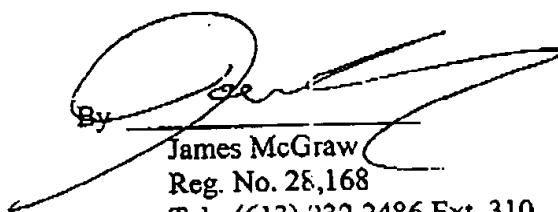
Claims 28, 30, and 32 have been amended to address the informalities in claims 29-33 as identified on page 4 of the Office Action and to correct a similar informality in claims 27 and 28, by amending claims 28, 30, and 32 to depend from claim 13 instead of from claim 1.

As indicated at the bottom of page 4 of the Office Action, claims 33 to 41 are allowed.

In view of the forgoing, early favorable consideration of this application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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